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DISTRICT MAN CONVICTED OF CONSPIRING TO KIDNAP AND STAB AND KIDNAPPING AND STABBING HIS EX-BROTHER-IN-LAW.

– Victim Abducted from his Home, Stabbed in Rock Creek Park, and Left to Die near Catholic University–

WASHINGTON - Demecio Lopez, 34, was convicted by a jury on Friday, October 29, 2010, of charges of conspiracy, kidnapping while armed, aggravated assault while armed, mayhem while armed, assault with a dangerous weapon, and threatening to injure or kidnap, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced. The same jury convicted Angela Guevara, 37, Demecio Lopez's wife, of threatening to injure or kidnap. The convictions stem from a violent assault on Lopez's ex-brother-in-law that took place on June 6, 2010.

The verdicts were returned following a trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Judge Craig Iscoe, who presided over the trial, scheduled sentencing for January 13, 2011. Demecio Lopez faces a period of 90 to 180 months of incarceration under the District of Columbia voluntary sentencing guidelines for the conviction for kidnapping while armed. Angela Guevara faces a period of 6 to 24 months of incarceration for the conviction for threatening to injure or kidnap.

According to the government's evidence, on June 5, 2010, the victim argued over the phone with his ex-wife in Guatemala. On June 6, 2010, the defendants and three other suspects conspired to kidnap and stab the victim, kidnapped the victim at knifepoint from his home, drove him to Rock Creek Park, stabbed him at least six times in the torso, and dumped him in the 3800 block of Harewood Road NE.

The victim was discovered by a Good Samaritan, who called 911. At the hospital, the victim received several life saving operations, including removal of his right kidney.

In announcing the verdict, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Michael Johnson, Randall Parker, Charlie Bonilla, Anthony McGee, and Dwayne Corbett, as well as Officers Larry Hernandez, Kamau Greene, Fred Brown, Michael Weiss, Daren Brake, Jeffrey Phillips, Brian Gates, and Ana Casiano. U.S. Attorney Machen also expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Kristy Penny, Legal Assistant Nicole Lee,

Victim Advocate Christina Principe, Information Technology Specialist Lief Hickling, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Courtney Saleski, who investigated and tried the case.

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